DNREC Division of Fish & Wildlife announces annual fall trout stocking of White Clay Creek

NEWARK — DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife announced today the fall trout stocking of White Clay Creek, an annual tradition since 2007 to provide anglers the opportunity to fish for trout in the fall and winter. About 1,000 pounds of 12-13 inch trout, consisting of primarily rainbow trout along with brown trout and golden rainbow trout, were stocked from near the Pennsylvania state line downstream to Newark.

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Using a float box to stock trout in White Clay Creek. DNREC Division of Fish & Wildlife photo.

The daily possession limit is six trout per person, except for a daily possession limit of four trout per person when fishing in or within 50 feet of the designated fly-fishing-only section of White Clay Creek.

A Delaware fishing license is required by most anglers fishing for trout. A fishing license is not required by persons under the age of 16 and Delaware residents age 65 and older. In addition, a Delaware trout stamp is required by most trout anglers to fish in White Clay Creek, now through Nov. 30. A trout stamp is not required by Delaware residents younger than age 12 or age 65 and older, or by non-resident anglers under age 12. Exempt persons may purchase fishing licenses and trout stamps to help support fisheries management and trout stocking

efforts.

Both resident and non-resident anglers age 16 and older also are required to obtain a Delaware Fisherman Information Network (FIN) number. The free number is included as part of a Delaware fishing license purchase. License-exempt anglers may visit www.delaware-fin.com or call 800-432-9228 toll-free to obtain their free FIN number.

Delaware fishing licenses and trout stamps are sold online, at the licensing desk in DNREC's Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, and by license agents statewide. To find a participating agent, or to purchase a license online, visit <u>Delaware Licenses</u>. For additional information on Delaware fishing licenses, call 302-739-9918.

Delaware's trout stocking program is funded by Delaware trout stamp revenues and a Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration grant administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Trout anglers directly support trout stocking through the purchase of trout stamps, with all proceeds directly purchasing trout from hatcheries for stocking.

For more information on fishing in Delaware, please see the <u>2019 Delaware Fishing Guide</u>. The guide also is available in printed form at DNREC's Dover licensing desk, and from license agents throughout the state.

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